

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority

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April 10, 2007

Judi Tamasi
Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, CA 90265

RE: Invitation to participate on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the San Gabriel River Discovery Center

Dear Ms. Tamasi

The Discovery Center project is planned to replace the existing Nature Center in Los Angeles County's Whittier Narrows Recreational Area. It will create new, improved educational and recreational opportunities, serving larger and more diverse audiences. The Discovery Center is part of the Emerald Necklace, which is envisioned as a 17-mile loop of parks and greenways connecting 10 cities along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers.

According to our records, the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority had designated a person in the past to participate on The Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Discovery Center project. Unfortunately this person has not been an active member on the committee for quite some time now. This is why The San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority would like to invite a new representative from your organization to participate on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Discovery Center project. We are requesting your support again because we feel that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee would benefit greatly by having a representative from your organization be an active member on it. Our meetings are every other month on the 1st Thursday from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District offices in El Monte.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact me at (626) 458-4318. I look forward to your participation in this important committee. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



Belinda Faustinos
Executive Officer

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SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY
Stakeholder Committee members
Revised May 1, 2007

Sam Pedroza (Chair) ALT: Rupam Soni
Andrea Gullo

Claire Robinson
Dan Horan
Cliff Mclean
Robert Gomez

Ellen Mackey ALT: Rumi Yanakiev

Valorie Shatynski

Grace Allen ALT: Jo Sarachman
Mark Moss

Jeff Yann ALT: Jo Sarachman

Pending appointment

Letty Brooks

Jean Robson

Mickey Long

Sal Ramirez

Phil Serpa

Pending appointment

Norma Garcia

Pending appointment

Pending appointment

Nicole Shahenian

Paul Spitzzeri (pending)

Elsa Lopez

County Sanitation Districts
Puente Hills Landfill Native
Habitat Preservation
Authority

Amigos de los Rios
Three Valleys MWD
California Native Plant Society
LA County DPW, Watershed
Management Div.

LA and SG Rivers Watershed
Council

Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy

WNNC Associates
Central Basin MWD

Sierra Club

Whittier Audubon

Friends of the Whittier Hills

Hacienda Heights Improvement
Assoc.

Dept. of Parks and Recreation

National Hispanic Environmental
Council

Corps of Engineers

Wildlife Corridor Conservation
Authority

Supervisor Gloria Molina

Assemblyman Mike Eng

Senator Ron Calderon

Congresswoman Hilda Solis

Workman-Temple Homestead
Museum

Water Replenishment District

**SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER
STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

THIS STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 20____ by and between the SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY ("Authority") and the various entities who join as signatories to this Agreement (collectively the "Stakeholders"; individually, "Stakeholder"). For the purposes of this Agreement the Authority and the Stakeholders may be referred to collectively by the capitalized term "Parties." The capitalized term "Party" may refer to Authority, the Stakeholders or any individual Stakeholder.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Authority is a joint exercise of powers authority organized pursuant to Title 1 (General), Division 7 (Miscellaneous), Chapter 5 (Joint Exercise of Powers) of the California Government Code (Govt. Code §6500 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was organized for the primary purpose of undertaking the development, construction and operation of an educational facility dedicated to (1) increasing public knowledge of water-related environmental issues, including water conservation and natural habitat preservation and restoration; (2) increasing public awareness of the rich and vibrant history of the San Gabriel River the important role it has played in the social and economic development of the San Gabriel Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is equally tasked with (1) raising capital for the construction of the educational facility; (2) raising support for the ongoing operation of the educational facility; and (3) procuring outside funding on behalf of the educational facility;

WHEREAS, the contemplated educational facility is known as the San Gabriel River Discovery Center ("Discovery Center"); and

WHEREAS, each Stakeholder, by execution of this Agreement, has expressed an interest and desire to contribute its insight and expertise to the planning, construction and ultimate operation of the Discovery Center;

WHEREAS, prior to the formation of the Authority, many of the Stakeholder signatories to this Agreement, enjoyed similar status as stakeholders under the terms of a similar participation agreement entitled "Stakeholder Participation Agreement by and between the Stakeholder Signatories and the Following Lead Agencies, Jointly & Severally: The County of Los Angeles; the San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy; and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District" (hereinafter, the "Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement was executed between the various public agencies that would eventually join to form the Authority and various stakeholder entities, many of whom are now Stakeholders within the meaning of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement wish to update the agreement by the execution of this Agreement in order to account for the fact that the various member public agencies who were parties to the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement have now succeeded in forming the Authority which has now assumed all of the rights, duties and obligations of those public agencies in connection with the development, construction, maintenance and operation of the Discovery Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

1.1. General Participation Pledge:

- A. This Agreement is intended to update the relationship established by way of the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement to account for the fact that the various public agency members who were parties to the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement have now succeeded in forming the Authority which has now assumed all of the rights, duties and obligations of those public agencies in connection with the development, construction, maintenance and operation of the Discovery Center. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to curtail or otherwise alter any of the privileges the Stakeholder signatories to the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement have heretofore exercised or enjoyed by way of that Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement. The primary purpose of this Agreement is to account for the creation of the Authority and to recognize that the Stakeholders' involvement and participation with respect to the Discovery Center shall now be conducted in cooperation with the Authority and not with the now defunct Steering Committee that preceded the creation of the Authority. By execution of this Agreement, Stakeholder signatories to the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement do not lose the right to participate in whatever capacity they are currently participating under the Pre-Authority Stakeholder nor does this Agreement alter the existing internal organization of the Stakeholder group.
- B. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Stakeholder agrees to contribute its expertise and insight to the Authority's efforts to develop, construct and eventually operate the Discovery Center. In keeping with the foregoing pledge, each Stakeholder agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of that certain 6th day of December, 2005, joint exercise of powers agreement executed by the Authority's public agency members, to wit, the "San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement" (the "JPA Agreement") to the extent the document relates to the participation of Stakeholders. Each Stakeholder acknowledges, understands and agrees that the Authority's governing board of directors (hereinafter, the "JPA Board") shall be the highest governing authority for the Authority.

1.2. Scope of Participation: Each Stakeholder agrees to:

- A. Contribute its insight and expertise to that certain committee of Stakeholder signatories commonly referred to as the "Stakeholder Advisory Committee" (the "Advisory Committee");
- B. Work closely with the Advisory Committee to advance the objectives of the Authority;
- C. Work closely with other community groups, governmental agencies, elected representatives and those participating on the Advisory Committee to:
- i. Identify funding sources for the proposed Discovery Center, including, but not limited to, grants, local, state or federal funding allocations or voluntary Stakeholder contributions;
 - ii. Assist in the solicitation of funding for the development, construction, maintenance and/or long-term operation of the Discovery Center.

1.3 Participation Guidelines: Each Stakeholder agrees to the following:

- A. Each Stakeholder shall designate a representative who shall participate on the Advisory Committee subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement with the understanding and agreement that participation on the Advisory Committee is conditioned on a prospective Stakeholder (i) receiving the unanimous approval of the JPA Board by resolution; and (ii) becoming a signatory to this Agreement.

- B. A Stakeholder's unexcused failure to participate by attendance of a representative at four consecutive Advisory Committee meetings shall be considered cause to terminate a Stakeholder's status as a Stakeholder.
 - C. Each Stakeholder shall adhere to all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the JPA Agreement to the extent the latter relates to each individual Stakeholder or to the Stakeholders as a group.
 - D. The JPA Board, by simple majority vote, may revoke a Stakeholder's status as a Stakeholder and terminate its participation under this Agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Stakeholder.
 - E. Any dispute with the Authority or any other Stakeholder relating to this Agreement or the JPA Agreement shall be submitted to binding arbitration by an arbitrator mutually agreed to between the disputing parties. The parties to any dispute agree to split the cost of the arbitrator evenly.
 - F. In the event of any conflict or inconsistencies between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the JPA Agreement, the provisions of the JPA Agreement shall control.
 - G. The Authority's member agencies shall be allowed to appoint representatives who may participate on the Advisory Committee or any other Stakeholder committees in a non-voting, advisory capacity so as to facilitate cooperation, communication and the coordination of efforts between the Authority and the Stakeholders.
- 1.4 Internal Organization: Collectively, the Stakeholders shall constitute the Advisory Committee to Authority. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the JPA Agreement, the Authority agrees that the Stakeholders, collectively, may create whatever internal governing structure they so choose for the Advisory Committee, provided the person elected to represent the Stakeholders on the JPA Board is elected as follows: At least once each year, the Stakeholders shall conduct among themselves an internal election in which each Stakeholder may vote to elect an Advisory Committee Chair who shall serve as the Stakeholders' voting representative on the JPA Board. Each Stakeholder may cast only one (1) vote in the selection of a Chair. The Advisory Committee shall also elect a Vice-Chair, who shall assume the duties of Chair in his or her absence. The Advisory Committee may also elect a Secretary who shall record all actions taken by the Advisory Committee. The Vice-Chair and Secretary shall be elected in a manner identical to that for the election of Advisory Committee Chair.
- 1.5 Advisory Committee Responsibilities: The Advisory Committee shall function in an advisory capacity to the JPA Board on various matters directly relating to the funding, development, construction, design, programming, maintenance and day-to-day operation of the Discovery Center. The Advisory Committee shall provide its recommendations to the JPA Board through its Chair or through special presentations of its findings, determinations and studies. The foregoing notwithstanding, all final decisions development, construction, maintenance and operation of the Discovery Center shall be made by the JPA Board.
- 1.6 Withdrawal From Agreement: Any Stakeholder may withdraw from this Agreement, without obligation, upon thirty (30) days written notice of intent to withdraw to the Authority.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1. General Pledge: The Authority agrees that it shall comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1. Permissible Method of Notice: Notices, statements demands, requests issued in the performance of this Agreement shall be addressed to the principal office of each Stakeholder and/or the Authority and shall be deemed given upon deposit in the U.S. Mail, First-Class, Postage Prepaid or upon printed confirmation of delivery by fax. The Advisory Committee and the Authority shall develop a directory containing the address and other relevant contact information for each active Stakeholder, the Authority and each member agency for the Authority.
- 3.2. Captions and Headings: All captions and headings contained herein are for convenience only and are not to be construed as governing or modifying the language of the agreement.
- 3.3. Governing Law: This Agreement is made pursuant to the laws of the State of California and shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of California.
- 3.4. Modification: This Agreement may only be modified by mutual written agreement of all the Stakeholders and the Authority.
- 3.5. Binding Effect: This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Stakeholders and the Authority, and their respective successors and assigns.
- 3.6. Severability: If any one or more provisions of this Agreement is adjudged to be invalid, unenforceable, void or voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and all of the remaining terms, provisions, promises, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 3.7. Non-Assignment: No Stakeholder may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the JPA Board.
- 3.8. Authorization to Sign: Each person signing this agreement on behalf of a prospective Stakeholder warrants that he or she has been duly authorized to sign on that entities behalf and bind the entity to the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 3.9. Entire Agreement: Subject to any duties, restrictions and/or limitations relating to Stakeholders that may be set forth under the JPA Agreement or any amendment thereto, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall constitute the final expression of their agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings, other than those set forth or referred to herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the subject matter.
- 3.10. Dissolution of Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement: By execution of this Agreement each Stakeholder agrees that the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall replace and supersede those of the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement and that the Pre-Authority Stakeholder Agreement shall be invalid, null and void.
- 3.11. Execution: Each Stakeholder may execute this Agreement by submitting the signed signature page of this Agreement to the Authority's principal mailing address. Each such signature page shall be attached and incorporated into the Agreement and shall remain on file with the Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this Agreement on the date first indicated above.

AUTHORITY:

By: _____

Name: _____

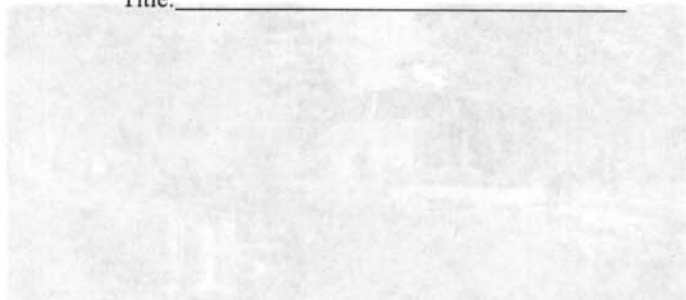
Title: _____

STAKEHOLDER:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____



AltaMonte Conservancy Central Basin Municipal
Water District Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal
Water District and the County of Los Angeles Parks
and Recreation Department.

With many important stakeholders at the helm,
the Discovery Center has an aggressive timeline.
Conceptual design has been completed for the
project. The environmental process is slated for
completion by late 2007, with construction slated
for early 2008, and an anticipated opening in late
2010.

Fundraising

The total fundraising target is \$27 million dollars.
The board has been very successful in securing
over 50% from local sources. It is critical to reach
50% of the fundraising goal by late 2007. Currently
working with state and federal representatives
to secure additional funding for this important
project. Private foundation will also be solicited for
additional fundraising efforts.

On going operations and maintenance of the site
will be addressed with a combination of existing
Los Angeles County Park Department and contract
personnel from the local water agency members of
the joint powers authority.

Contact Us

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Project Description
The San Gabriel River Discovery Center is a new
interactive outdoor learning experience which will
replace the existing Nature Center in Los Angeles
County's Whittier Narrows Regional Park. It will
provide new, improved educational and recreation
opportunities, ranging from large and more diverse
exhibits. The Discovery Center is part of the
Grand Necklack, which is envisioned as a 17-
mile string of parks and greenways connecting 10
miles along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers.

The project is intended to serve as a natural and
cultural history museum and campus that will tell
the story of the San Gabriel River. The Center will
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technologies to demonstrate the education mes-
sage of resource conservation. The Center will be
equipped with educational classrooms and hands-
on exhibits which will benefit many neighbor-
ing schools and youth. The Discovery Center will
inspire the watershed to encourage exploration,
create an understanding for water conservation
and generate a strong stewardship for the natural
land San Gabriel River.

There are 10.5 million people who will benefit
from the Discovery Center living within 25 miles
of the site. Currently, Whittier Narrows Regional
Park is the most visited park in Los Angeles
County with 1.6 million visitors per year. How-
ever, the existing Whittier Narrows Nature Center
attracts less than 50,000 visitors per year because
it is located on a small venue and is considerably
aged. It is anticipated that the San Gabriel River
Discovery Center will accommodate well over
150,000 visitors annually.

Project Status

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drawn many key stakeholders together to form
a strong Governing Board. The San Gabriel River
Discovery Center is composed of the Rivers and

San Gabriel River

DISCOVERY CENTER

Project Description

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This project is intended to serve as a natural and cultural history museum and campus that will tell the story of the San Gabriel River. The Center will be constructed using the latest in green building technologies to demonstrate the education message of resource conservation. The Center will be equipped with educational classrooms and hands-on exhibits which will benefit many neighboring schools and youth. The Discovery Center will interpret the watershed to encourage exploration, create an understanding for water conservation and generate a strong stewardship for the revitalized San Gabriel River.

There are 10.2 million people who will benefit from the Discovery Center, living within 25 miles of the site. Currently, Whittier Narrows Regional Park is the most visited park in Los Angeles County, with 1.4 million visitors per year. However, the existing Whittier Narrows Nature Center attracts less than 50,000 visitors per year because it is located on a small venue and is considerably aged. It is anticipated that the San Gabriel River Discovery Center will accommodate well over 150,000 visitors annually.

Project Status

This project has captured the attention and brought many key stakeholders together to form a strong Governing Board. The San Gabriel River Discovery Center is comprised of the Rivers and



Mountains Conservancy, Central Basin Municipal Water District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department.

With many important stakeholders at the helm, the Discovery Center has an aggressive timeline. Conceptual design has been completed for the project. The environmental process is slated for completion by late 2007, with construction slated for early 2009, and an anticipated opening in late 2010.

Fundraising

The total fundraising target is \$27 million dollars. The Board has been very successful in securing over 20% from local sources. It is critical to reach 50% of the fundraising goal by late 2007. Currently working with State and Federal representatives to secure additional funding for this important project. Private foundation will also be solicited for additional fundraising efforts.

On-going operations and maintenance of the site will be addressed with a combination of existing Los Angeles County Park Department and contributions from the local water agency members of the joint powers authority.

Contact Us

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DISCOVERY CENTER

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

- By effectively linking the topics of water to nature and outdoor recreation, the San Gabriel River Discovery Center will be a unique facility in the greater Los Angeles area.
- Comparable water education facilities are located out of the population center at great distance from the Discovery Center Site.
 - Diamond Valley Lake distance is 65 miles
 - Pyramid Lake distance is 80 miles
- Approximately 10,000,000 people live within 25 miles of the Discovery Center
Approximately 250,000 people live near Pyramid Lake
Less than 500,000 people currently live within 20 miles of Diamond Valley Lake
- This facility will highlight water, watershed management, including water recycling, as a resource for our communities.
- By virtue of its location in Whittier Narrows, the Discovery Center is ideally located to describe the work of the many agencies that manage water in our watershed.
- The Discovery Center provides a unique learning opportunity that allows the features of this highly sophisticated LEED¹ Platinum facility to be effectively integrated into the exhibits
- Locating the Discovery Center at the Nature Center in Whittier Narrows Regional Park, already the County's most visited park with 1.4 million visitors yearly, allows a seamless connection between the indoor exhibits and outdoor locations where these lessons can be observed in a natural setting that adds an element of adventure and surprise.
- The Discovery Center is an integral feature of the Emerald Necklace, providing both a point of departure for trail users as well as a destination for visitors entering the trail network from other points.

¹U. S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Standards



FACT SHEET

The San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority is a Joint Powers Authority formed in January, 2006. Committed contributions to date - \$6,850,000 & Site Location

The estimated project cost in 2009 dollars is \$27 million, to be funded from federal, state and local grants, private corporations, foundations and green building product incentives.

The Authority has developed a strong network of supporting organizations and actively seeks additional supporters.

Location: Adjacent the San Gabriel River at Whittier Narrows Natural Area, Los Angeles County. The site area for this project will be 11 acres. The majority of the site is owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

There is no other facility of this scope to serve population area of 10 million

The Discovery Center will focus on the importance of water to our communities

The Discovery Center will provide exhibits that tell a comprehensive story about the San Gabriel River watershed including: 1) geologic setting, 2) natural history, 3) water quality story, water conservation, water recycling, 4) human reliance on river resources, 5) flood management, and 6) river restoration.

Through use of the Whittier Narrows Nature Center grounds, the message of the exhibits will be illustrated by physical examples in the outdoor setting.

The facility and grounds will incorporate and illustrate sustainable design practices. The Authority plans to obtain the highest rating (platinum) in U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system.

The Discovery Center will seek to expand the current school user base to attract school classes from a wider region, in addition to area residents, visitors, civic leaders and organizations. The Discovery Center will provide meeting spaces for the region, including a much needed 150-seat multi-purpose room, reference library and two classrooms.

The Discovery Center offers a key embarkation point for visitors to the Emerald Necklace, a network of connected parks and trails focused on the San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo. Exhibits will inform visitors of recreational opportunities throughout the watershed.

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PROJECT PARTNERS

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Congresswoman Hilda Solis

Supervisor Gloria Molina

Senator Ron Calderon

Assemblyman Mike Eng

Sierra Club

Sanitation Districts of LA County

LA County Dept. of Public Works

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Water Quality Authority

Hacienda Heights Improvement

Association

U. S. National Park Service

CA Department of Parks and Recreation

Central Basin Municipal Water District

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal

Water Dist.

LA County Dept of Public Works,

Watershed Division

North East Trees

PURPOSE:

The Committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Joint Powers Authority Governing Board on matters related to funding, development, construction, design, programming, maintenance and day-to-day operation of the Discovery Center. The Stakeholder organizations are committed to the success of the Discovery Center, including support to grant applications, public outreach and other activities related to construction and operation of the facility.

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PROJECT PARTNERS

Joint Powers Authority Governing Board

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Central Basin Municipal Water District
Chair, Stakeholder Advisory Committee

GOVERNING BOARD PURPOSE:

- (a) To increase public knowledge of environmental issues involving the San Gabriel River, including its rich natural history and the importance of natural habitat preservation and restoration;
- (b) To increase public awareness of the rich and vibrant history of the San Gabriel River and the important role it has played in the social and economic development of communities along its water course;
- (c) To raise public awareness of the importance of conserving and protecting ground water resources in the Main San Gabriel and Central Groundwater Basins;
- (d) To raise capital for the planning, design, development, construction and operation of the Discovery Center;
- (e) To generate public and institutional interest and support for the ongoing operation of the Discovery Center;
- (f) To harness the vision, insight and creativity of other civic-minded, public and private organizations for the development of exceptional, informative and inspiring educational displays and educational programs; and
- (g) To identify, procure and secure reliable, long term funding sources for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Discovery Center.

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BUDGET

CONSTRUCTION TARGET	\$27,000,000
COMMITTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE:	
RIVERS & MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY	\$3,000,000
UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	\$800,000
CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	\$750,000
LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION	.5 ACRE SITE
SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LA COUNTY	\$100,000
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT	\$2,200,000
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS	~ 11 ACRES (BALANCE OF SITE)

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TIMELINE

PHASE

COMPLETION DATE

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

JUNE, 2006 (COMPLETE)

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

NOVEMBER, 2007

FUNDRAISING

NOW - JULY, 2008

CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

JANUARY, 2009

CONSTRUCTION START

JUNE, 2009

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

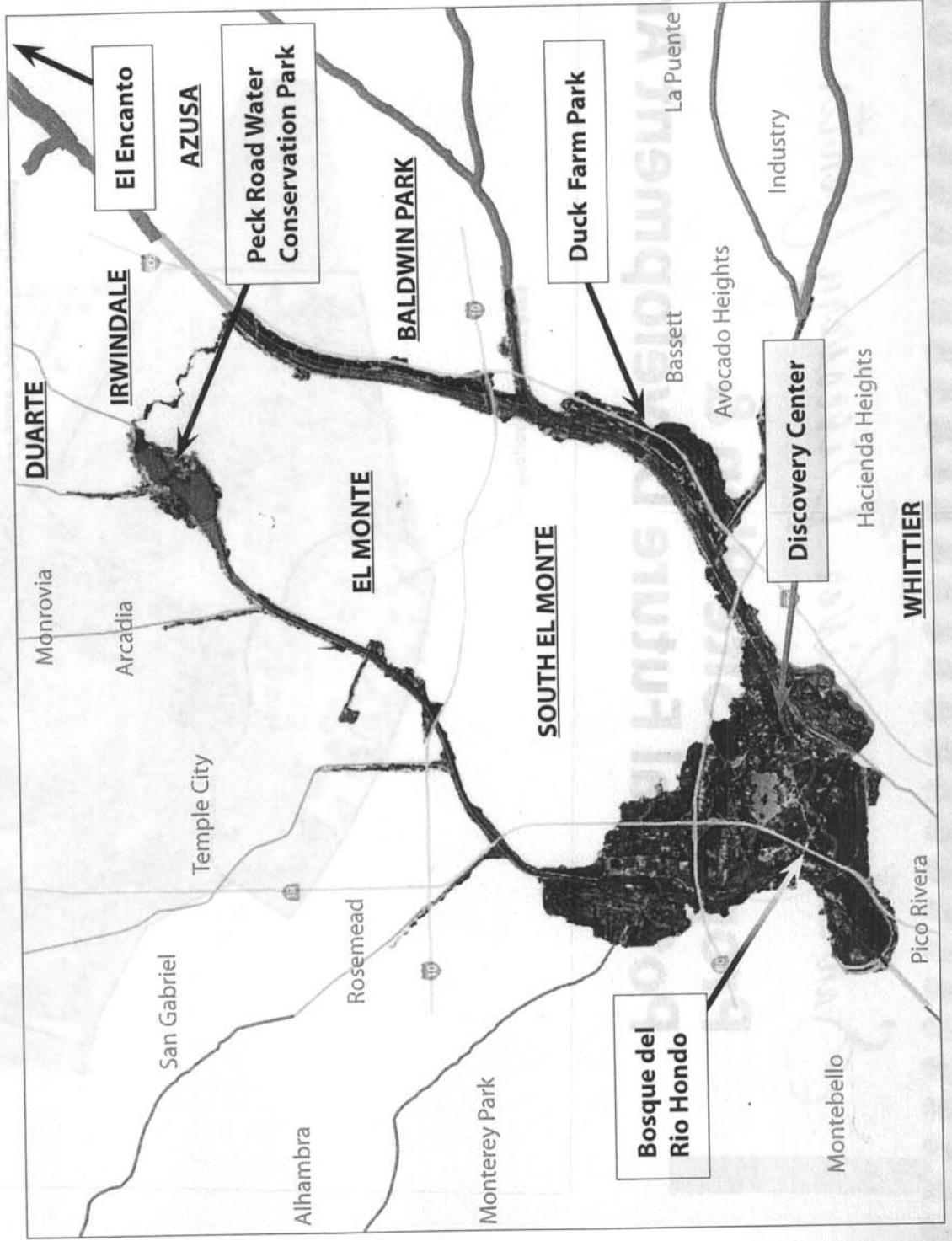
AUGUST, 2010

OPENING

NOVEMBER, 2010

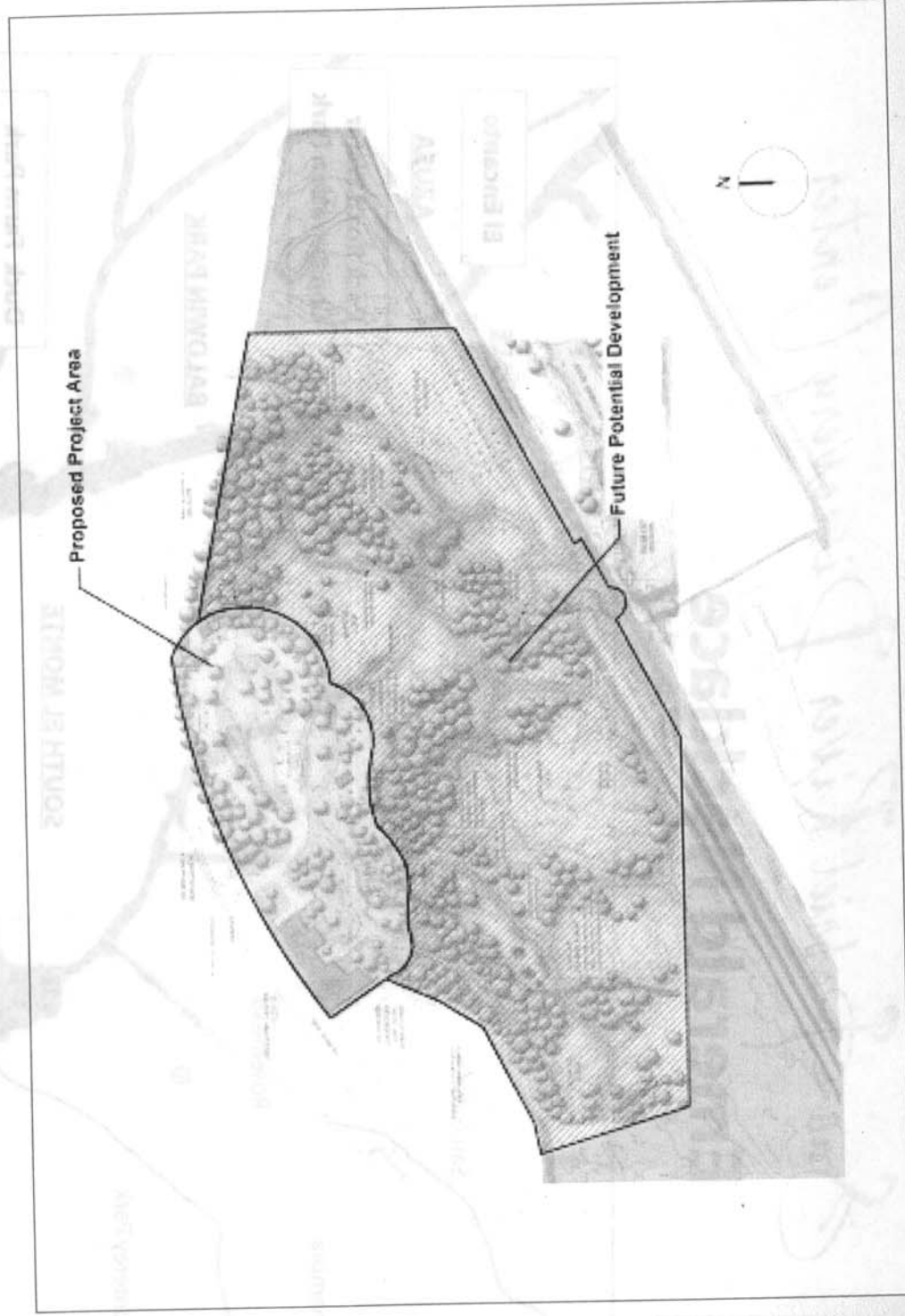
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Emerald Necklace



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Proposed Site Plan & Potential Future Development Area



San Gabriel River Discovery Center

Conceptual Site Plan

